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OF THE

NEW RUPTURE SOCIETY;

INSTITUTED MAY 15, 1804,

Under the Patronage of H. R. H. the Duke of York,

FOR THE RELIEF OF

Both Sexes

AFFLICTED WITH

HERNIARY COMPLAINTS

AND

PROLAPSES:

INCLUDING A

LIST OF ITS GOVERNORS, MEMBERS, AND OFFICERS,

WITH A SHORT ACCOUNT OF THE

PRESENT STATE OF THIS INSTITUTION.

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A

SHORT ACCOUNT

OF THE

SOCIETY.

WITH a view to interest the Public in the success of this Institution, it is thought necessary to submit to them the following concise statements of the nature and effects of those calamities, for the relief of which the Society was established. The facts here mentioned, it is presumed, will be amply sufficient to excite attention and induce inquiry.

It has been estimated that at least one person in fifteen is ruptured: but, among those classes of the community which are much exposed to laborious employment, the average may be fixed at one in eight or nine. The proportion, however, of sufferers from this disease, is incomparably greater in places where the situation is low and damp, and the atmosphere relaxing. The Committee of this Institution have been credibly informed, that, in some few parishes, the proportion may be computed *at even a fourth of the labouring population.*

This complaint is not confined to any particular age or sex, nor is it the consequence of depraved

habits or immoral behaviour: but it arises either from a natural bodily defect, or from very unusual exertions, at any period of life; and can be neither foreseen nor avoided, by the wealthy or by the poor. Its tendency is so alarming, that without timely aid it generally terminates by a painful and rapid dissolution in early life, or during the vigour of manhood; although, in a majority of cases, its fatal consequences may almost certainly be prevented, by the careful application of an appropriate TRUSS or COMPRESS *.

PROLAPSES (a species of disorder vulgarly called "*a bearing down of the body*") are extremely similar to ruptures, originating in a similar infirmity of the bodily frame, and usually requiring a like plan of treatment. They are not, indeed, equally common; but yet occur much more frequently than an inattentive observer might be apt to suppose, and are especially incident to the weaker sex. The sense of delicacy attached to this complaint, has the effect of concealing from public view both the number and the sufferings of its victims; circumstances which could not fail, were they fully known, to produce a powerful impression on every humane and benevolent mind. Perhaps, indeed, the sufferings adverted to will not bear a minute description: and it may, therefore, suffice generally to observe, that, although so frequent, they can scarcely be conceived, except by those individuals who have had some opportunity of knowing them, either from personal or professional experience.

* As many persons do not know that *Females* are liable to this heavy affliction, a comparative statement is given by Mr. BLAIR, at the close of this Account, which will shew the proportion and species of herniary complaints occurring in each sex, out of 2638 cases.

Among the afflicted poor, where no means of relief have been resorted to, during the existence of ruptures and prolapses, the unhappy objects are commonly disabled from fulfilling the ordinary duties of their stations; insomuch, that in the army and navy it is an invariable rule to dismiss from the service those men who become ruptured by the violence of their exertions. How lamentable a fact is it, that many thousands of individuals, perhaps during the period of full health and activity, should drag on a most useless and miserable life, for want of either the means or the knowledge requisite to obtain relief, when that knowledge and those means can so easily be provided by their affluent neighbours!

This Society will afford an extension of its benefits to the army and navy, as soon as the funds shall prove adequate for that purpose; and it already includes within the sphere of its bounty a description of poor sufferers (namely, persons afflicted with PROLAPSES,) who have hitherto been left unprotected and forsaken. With a reference to this twofold object of its formation, it is named THE NEW RUPTURE SOCIETY, FOR THE RELIEF OF BOTH SEXES AFFLICTED WITH HERNIARY COMPLAINTS AND PROLAPSES.

The extreme danger of these complaints, and the great inconveniences entailed on those persons who suffer this dreadful calamity, have given rise to an innumerable host of truss-sellers, rupture-mongers, women-doctors, and ignorant impostors; so that "no disease (as the late celebrated Mr. POTT observes) has ever furnished such a constant succession of quacks as ruptures have." These pretenders are to be found in almost every city, town, and village throughout this kingdom: for, whoever can forge an iron hoop, or fabricate an

elastic compress, thinks himself qualified to undertake the cure of an infirmity, the treatment of which demands as much anatomical and surgical knowledge as any disorders incident to human nature. If a greater mischief can happen to the ruptured poor than the malady with which they are visited, it is that of unhappily falling into the hands of unprincipled or ignorant *truss-makers and empirics*; who have no skill but in the art of money-getting, and no idea of the curative means but by rude mechanical pressure.

The great national importance of relieving the necessitous and afflicted class of people here alluded to, must be sufficiently obvious to every reflecting mind; and when it is distinctly made known how small a sum will be annually required for the comfort and security of so many deplorable sufferers, it is hoped no feeling spectator of such wretchedness can withhold his contribution. The *New Rupture Society* was instituted on the 15th of May 1804, by a respectable meeting of benevolent gentlemen, convened for that purpose at the Free Masons' Tavern: and patients were admitted on the 6th of July 1805, since which time the number of sufferers applying for trusses has been rapidly and progressively increasing.

The affairs of the *New Rupture Society* are managed by a Committee of Governors, consisting of a Patron, two or more Vice-Patrons, one President, several Vice-Presidents, two Joint Treasurers, all the Life Subscribers of fifteen guineas, and so many yearly Subscribers (of not less than two guineas each) as may be approved by a ballot of the Committee, and confirmed at an Annual General Meeting; among whom are also included the Surgeon and Secretary for the time being, so long as they render their services gratuitously to this institution.

Life Subscribers of fifteen guineas, and contributors of not less than two guineas each per annum, are *Governors* of this Charity; but subscribers of smaller sums are denominated *Members*.

Patients may be recommended in the following ratio, viz.

For every guinea subscribed per annum, as well as for every life subscription, two patients (whether afflicted with ruptures or prolapses) may be recommended within the year, to be provided with single trusses of the best quality; or one patient, requiring a double truss, or an umbilical bandage of equal value. Annual subscribers of two guineas are allowed as many patients as shall require four single, or two double, trusses; and the same proportion is extended to subscribers of larger sums.

*** *By a late order of the Governors, notice has been publicly given to parochial officers, superintendants of Hospitals, and the conductors of other charitable Institutions, that the benefits of this Society are extended to all parts of the kingdom; provided exact descriptions of the cases, with proper measurements of the patients, be sent by any Subscriber,* post paid, *to Mr. BLAIR,* SURGEON, *No.* 69, *Great Russel Street, Bloomsbury Square. In consequence of this order, the heads of several parishes and public Institutions have subscribed to the New Rupture Society, and are thus enabled to relieve their own afflicted poor.*

The annual and progressive number of poor sufferers attended by the Surgeon of this Charity, most of whom were totally destitute of the necessary Apparatus for their personal safety, is as follows:

From March the 25th	1805 to 1806	No.	39
	1806 to 1807	—	189
	1807 to 1808	—	393
	1808 to 1809	—	374
	1809 to 1810	—	451
	1810 to 1811	—	593
	1811 to 1812	—	612

The following comparative Statement, taken from Mr. Blair's Register of the Patients relieved by the New Rupture Society, to March 25, 1812, will shew the proportion and species of herniary complaints in each sex, out of 2638 cases:

				Males.	*Females.*
589 Double Ruptures.	In both groins - -			558	12
	In both thighs - -			1	18
1812 Single Ruptures.	Inguinal	On the right side		1011	34
		On the left side		581	23
	Femoral	On the right side		10	86
		On the left side		4	63
		Navel ruptures		17	123
		Ventral herniæ		3	8
		Prolapses of the anus		10	13
		Prolapses of the uterus		0	62
		Prolapse of the urinary bladder - -		0	1
				2195	443
					2195
		Total number of Cases			2638

Of the thirteen females afflicted with prolapses of the anus, eleven also had uterine prolapses, one had a navel rupture, and another a prolapse of the urinary bladder. Several of the patients having ruptures in the navel, had at the same time inguinal or femoral herniæ; and one woman had also a prolapsus ani. A person, who laboured under a ventral rupture, had likewise two inguinal herniæ. Another patient had one inguinal and two femoral ruptures, produced by sudden bodily exertion.

Subscriptions for the use of the New Rupture Society are received by the following Bankers:—Messrs. HOARE, Fleet Street, Treasurers to this Institution; HANKEY and Co. Fenchurch Street; FULLER, CHATTERIS, and Co. Lombard Street; RANSOM and Co. Pall Mall; and by Mr. CRUMP, the Collector to this Society; of whom may be had the printed Regulations, and a List of the Subscribers.

March 25, 1812.

REGULATIONS.

§ I. OF THE SOCIETY.

1. The New Rupture Society consists of one patron, two or more vice-patrons, one president, twelve or more vice-presidents, the subscribers in general, two joint-treasurers, one or more surgeons, a secretary, and a collector.

2. The governors are, the patron, vice-patrons, president, the vice-presidents, treasurers, subscribers of fifteen guineas or more at one payment, or who make up that sum in one year (computing from their first payment), annual subscribers of not less than two guineas per annum, and who shall have paid that sum for twenty-one days at least; with the surgeons and secretary, so long as they render their services gratuitously to this institution.

3. Annual subscribers of sums under two guineas are denominated members of the Society.

4. The right of nominating patients is vested in subscribers only, and is as follows, viz.

(a) For every annual subscription of one guinea, two patients, whether afflicted with ruptures or prolapses, may be recommended within the year, to be provided with single trusses or bandages, or one patient requiring a double truss or bandage.

(b) For every life subscription of fifteen guineas or more at one payment, or which shall be made up to that sum in one year, the same number and

description of patients may be recommended as for one guinea per annum.

(c) For every annual subscription of two guineas, four patients may be recommended within the year, to be provided with single trusses or bandages, or two patients requiring double trusses or bandages.

(d) For every larger subscription, a greater number of patients may be recommended in similar proportions.

§ II. GENERAL MEETINGS.

1. An annual general meeting shall be held at two o'clock in the afternoon precisely, on the first Thursday in April, when five subscribers (as at all other general meetings) shall constitute a board.

2. The patron, either of the vice-patrons, the president, any two of the vice-presidents, both the treasurers, or the monthly committee, shall have power to call a special general meeting at any other time; giving, at least, one week's notice thereof, by an advertisement in two or more of the daily papers, twice in each, specifying the reason of convening such meeting.

3. Only the special business, for which any special general meeting of the subscribers shall have been advertised and convened, can be entered upon at such meeting.

4. At the annual general meeting, twenty or more governors shall be elected from among the subscribers of not less than two guineas each per annum, to be members of the committee for the year ensuing.

5. At the annual general meeting, a report of the committee concerning the state of the society's finances, and the number of patients relieved

during the preceding year, shall be read for the information of the governors and members at large.

6. There shall be no alteration of the fundamental laws for the government of this charity, except at a general meeting; and any alterations that may be adopted, shall not be deemed valid until confirmed by a subsequent general meeting.

§ III. COMMITTEE.

1. The affairs of the New Rupture Society shall be managed by a committee of governors, consisting of one patron, two or more vice-patrons, one president, twelve or more vice-presidents, two joint treasurers, all the life subscribers of fifteen guineas, and so many yearly subscribers (of not less than two guineas each) as may be approved by a ballot in the said committee, and confirmed at an annual general meeting; among whom shall also be included the surgeon and secretary for the time being, so long as they, or either of them, render his or their services gratuitously to this institution.

2. The committee shall meet on the last Thursday in every month, at seven o'clock in the afternoon precisely.

3. At all committees, any three governors being present shall constitute a quorum.

4. The committee at their meetings in March, June, September, and December, previous to the transaction of any other business, shall examine and audit the accounts; and order the debts to be discharged, by drafts on the treasurers, signed by three members of the committee, and countersigned by the secretary.

5. At their monthly meeting in March, which next precedes the annual general meeting, they shall examine the surgeon's register of patients re-

lieved during the current year, and prepare the necessary business to be laid before the annual general meeting of this society.

6. At the meeting of the committee next preceding the annual general meeting, they shall also consider of and nominate five other governors to succeed an equal number, who (not being officers) are then to go out of the committee; this nomination by the committee being subject to the approbation or alteration of the annual general meeting, or of any special general meeting to be held for that purpose.

7. The committee shall have power to resolve itself, or any number of its members, into a subordinate committee for special purposes, whenever they may think it necessary.

8. One of the treasurers, or any three members of the monthly committee, may, by writing, authorize the secretary to summon a special meeting of the committee; who shall convene the same accordingly, by a circular letter addressed to each member thereof, giving at least two days previous notice.

9. All subscribers may attend the monthly meetings of the committee, and offer their opinion on any special business, but cannot vote unless they be members of such committee.

10. The application of all dividends, with the interest of stock and securities, and such annual subscriptions as have been, or may be received, shall be under the direction of the committee, until further instructions be given by a general meeting.

§ IV. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. At all meetings the chair shall be taken at the precise hour specified in the summons, provided a quorum be present.

2. The minutes of the preceding meeting shall then be read, and proposed by the chairman for confirmation.

3. The chairman shall permit only one person to speak at a time on any matter under discussion; and no motion shall be considered regularly under debate, until the same shall have been openly proposed and seconded. Any subscriber speaking to order, shall be first heard.

4. To prevent misunderstanding at any meeting respecting the subject of debate, the mover of a resolution shall put the same in writing, before the chairman submit it to the vote or determination of the members present.

5. The chairman at every general meeting is to see that the fair minutes of proceedings at the antecedent general meeting do correspond in all material points with the rough minutes, and to subscribe his name to the fair minutes.

§ V. ELECTIONS AND BALLOTS.

1. On every question to be decided by ballot, the *governors* shall be entitled to two votes each, and the *members* to one vote. A ballot may be demanded by any three subscribers assembled at a general meeting, as well as during the election of an officer.

2. No annual contributor of less than two guineas can be entitled to vote at elections, until he shall have subscribed twelve calendar months at least, and his or her contribution has been paid in advance for the second year; but all life-subscribers of fifteen guineas each, or subscribers making up that sum in one year, and likewise all those who pay two or more guineas per annum, shall, after having subscribed twenty-one days, be entitled to the above privilege, and be eligible to the committee.

3. Non-subscribers, and subscribers being six calendar months in arrear, shall not be entitled to vote at any election, nor any new governor whose subscription shall not have been paid previous to the declaration of the vacancy.

4. The patron, vice-patrons, president, and vice-presidents, members of parliament, and such subscribers as have contributed fifteen guineas within one year, ladies, and subscribers who are declared by their medical attendants to be incapable from sickness of appearing personally, may appoint in writing any of the other subscribers as their proxies to vote at elections.

5. In case of any stipendiary office becoming vacant by death, resignation, neglect of duty, or any other cause, and the time for the next ensuing monthly meeting of the committee shall exceed ten days from the period at which such vacancy shall happen, one of the treasurers, or three members of the committee, within seven days next after such vacancy, shall cause a special meeting of the committee to be convened, giving at least two days previous notice; at which meeting such vacancy shall be notified upon the minutes of the committee, and taken into consideration, and the circumstances, if deemed necessary, submitted to the annual general meeting in April, or a special general meeting to be convened for that purpose.

6. When any vacancy shall have been notified by the committee, such vacancy shall be reported to the ensuing annual general meeting, or to any special general meeting, and a time and place for the election of a new officer shall be appointed to take place in not less than twenty-one days next after the time of the declaration of such vacancy by the general meeting; public notice thereof being immediately given in three of the daily papers, at least

twice in each, and in any other manner the committee may think proper.

7. All *contested* elections shall be conducted by ballot agreeably to the following regulations, viz.

(a) At twelve o'clock at noon the chair shall be taken according to the precedence of the governors then present, and each candidate for the vacant office may depute a governor to be a scrutineer on his part.

(b) The secretary shall provide an accurate list of subscribers to the charity, with the number of votes each is entitled to give, for the use of the candidates and the chairman; also a sufficient number of each of the candidates' names, written or printed on small pieces of paper.

(c) All persons offering to vote, including proxies, shall deliver a paper, containing the name of the candidate for whom they intend to vote, into the hands of the chairman, who shall deposit the same in a box or glass to be provided for that purpose.

(d) The secretary and scrutineers shall write the name of each subscriber who votes: and if any person shall offer to ballot, whose right appears dubious, or shall be objected against by either of the scrutineers, the chairman shall indorse his name on the paper he delivers in, and lay the same aside until all the other votes shall have been taken, to be then allowed or rejected by a ballot of the qualified subscribers present.

(e) At the close of the ballot, the several lists shall be compared and adjusted before the box or glass be opened; the number of papers shall then be respectively counted, and if the whole together agree with the number of names written or printed as before mentioned, the chairman, first announcing who has the majority of votes, shall declare

such person to be duly elected: all these proceedings to be transacted in the presence of the governors and members assembled.

(f) All disputes concerning elections shall be determined by a ballot of the qualified governors and members finally present.

(g) In all cases of an equality of votes, the chairman for the time being is entitled to a second or casting vote.

(h) In every case where two or more balloting tickets may happen to be folded together, they shall both or all be laid aside, and not counted in the ballot.

(i) The doors of the balloting-room shall be closed at three o'clock precisely.

(k) If any person entitled to vote be in the balloting-room at the time of closing the doors, he shall be permitted to vote immediately, although the clock may have struck three.

§ VI. OFFICERS AND SALARIES.

1. All honorary offices, held without gratuity, fee, or reward, shall be proposed and recommended by the committee of governors, to be filled up at the annual general meeting; and retained during life, unless otherwise determined by a subsequent annual general meeting, at the suggestion of the said committee.

2. No new salary, nor increase of salary or gratuity, exceeding the sum of five guineas, shall be voted to any officer who hath heretofore served this charity, or doth now, or may hereafter belong to the same, except at the annual general meeting; a recommendation to that effect having been adopted at a previous meeting of the monthly committee, and confirmed at a subsequent meeting;

the secretary, in the summons for convening this subsequent meeting, shall also have apprized the members of the committee of such recommendation.

3. The treasurers shall issue to the collector the necessary printed receipts, properly numbered, and take an acknowledgment or cheque for the same: they shall order the collector to pay into their hands the money he may have received, every month, or oftener, as the committee may think proper; and the treasurers shall discharge all drafts signed by three members of the committee, and countersigned by the secretary.

4. The treasurers shall exhibit an accurate statement of their accounts every three months to the committee; and the money remaining in their hands shall be invested in the public funds, or in other Government securities, if ordered at a general meeting, or by the monthly committee.

5. All investments of money in the public funds or other Government securities for the use of the New Rupture Society, shall be in the names of the two joint treasurers for the time being, who are to be parties to the bonds, contracts, and other pecuniary engagements of this society. Upon the death or resignation of either of them, his office shall be supplied at the next annual general meeting; but until the vacancy be filled, the continuing officer shall have full power to act for the society, or the committee may appoint a treasurer *pro tempore.*

6. The surgeon shall be a member of the Royal College of Surgeons in London; and no surgeon practising pharmacy or midwifery shall be deemed eligible to this institution.

7. The surgeon is empowered to order trusses

or bandages for those patients only who are properly recommended by subscribers to the New Rupture Society.

8. The surgeon's register of the patients shall (every quarter at least) be submitted to the inspection of the committee.

9. The surgeon, under the sanction of the committee, is empowered to prescribe the necessary medicines.

10. The secretary shall summon meetings when necessary; and shall attend all general meetings, committees, and audits, at the appointed hour, to keep accurate minutes of the proceedings, and to do such other business as the society or committee may require.

11. The collector (who is also the messenger) shall find two sureties to be approved by the committee, who shall join with him in a bond to the treasurers in a reasonable penalty for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office as collector.

12. He shall regularly collect the annual subscriptions to the charity as they become due; keep a correct list thereof, and pay the same monthly to the treasurers or their order, or oftener if the committee shall so direct.

13. He shall attend all meetings of the society and its committees, and do all such other business as shall be required by the committee or the secretary.

14. He shall be provided with a proper printed cheque receipt-book, to be approved by the treasurers; and for every subscription or donation for the use of this institution, he shall at the same time deliver to the donor or subscriber a printed or engraved receipt of the treasurers for the same, countersigned by himself.

15. The collector for his services shall receive a poundage, or commission of 10l. per *cent.* on every new annual subscription for the first year during which the subscription shall be paid, and 5l. per *cent.* on every annual subscription after the expiration of the first year; and 5l. per *cent.* upon the amount of all donations and life-subscriptions not exceeding fifteen guineas each, (and excluding congregational collections.)

16. He shall, for *extra* trouble as messenger, receive such further remuneration as the subscribers (on the recommendation of the committee) may determine at their annual general meeting, or at any special general meeting convened for that purpose.

17. Form of the Collector's Receipt for Subscriptions.

No *London* *day of* 181

Received of

the sum of *pounds* *shillings, as a subscription for* *to the* NEW RUPTURE SOCIETY, *due from* 181

£

Signed { HENRY HOARE, W. H. HOARE, } Treasurers.

Countersigned, * * * * * *, Collector.

§ VII. OF THE PATIENTS.

The Form of a Recommendatory Letter for Patients is as follows:

I recommend

who lives at

to the care of Mr. BLAIR, Surgeon, No. 69, *Great Russel Street, Bloomsbury Square.*

The *day of* *(Signed)*

*** Subscribers are requested to send the patients at *nine* o'clock in the morning, which is the *only* hour of business.

They will also take notice, that every contributor of one guinea per annum, as well as every life-governor, is entitled to recommend only two patients in the year requiring single trusses, or one patient requiring a double truss; and that a similar privilege is extended, in the like proportion, to contributors of larger sums.

Rules for the Patients.

1. All patients must apply to the surgeon (as before directed) *at nine o'clock in the morning.*

2. No persons but those who are really indigent, and who have either a rupture, or a bearing-down of their body, are admitted to receive any benefit from this institution.

3. The benefit of this charity will be extended to any part of the kingdom; provided an exact description of the case, with a proper measurement of the patient, be sent (post paid) by one of the subscribers, addressed to Mr. BLAIR.

4. Those persons whose cases require them to be visited at their own habitations, must give immediate notice to the surgeon; who will himself attend them within a moderate distance, or (if too remote) will endeavour to procure the necessary attendance as speedily as possible.

5. If they neglect to apply or send to the surgeon, for the space of ten days after the date of their recommendatory letter, he is authorized to decline relieving them.

6. They are punctually to observe the instructions given by the surgeon, or the truss-maker; and, when they shall have been relieved, must take a printed letter of thanks to the subscriber who recommended them, or forfeit all relief from this charity in future.

7. Patients who are discharged for irregular and

disorderly behaviour, can never again be considered as proper objects of this society.

8. No person can obtain a truss or bandage, without first procuring Mr. BLAIR's signature to the following ORDER:

(No), being a patient of the NEW RUPTURE SOCIETY, *under my care, you are hereby required to provide a suitable truss or bandage, which must afterwards be submitted to my inspection.*

*To Mr. ****,*
Truss-maker, ******,*
Surgeon.

Form of a Letter of Thanks.

No. 69, Great Russel Street, Bloomsbury Square,

The day of

having been admitted a patient, under the care of Mr. BLAIR, and being this day discharged, begs leave to return most grateful thanks for your letter of recommendation, and for the which has been received.

Form of a Letter to be used by the Surgeon in Cases of Emergency, and addressed to any Subscriber having a vacant Presentation.

The number of distressed individuals who apply for assistance from this charity, many of whose cases are greatly aggravated by delay, in

seeking to obtain a subscriber's presentation, has induced me to signify that you have a vacant recommendatory letter, and that

appears to be a proper object for your humane attention.

I am, &c. &c.

69, *Great Russell Street,* W. BLAIR,
the day of *Surgeon.*

Form of a Letter to Subscribers who exceed their Privilege.

SIR,

I am desired by the Committee of the NEW RUPTURE SOCIETY to remind you, that every Contributor of one guinea *per annum*, as well as every Life Governor, is entitled to recommend two patients in the year requiring single trusses, or one patient requiring a double truss, and that a similar privilege is extended in like proportion to contributors of larger sums. All persons, therefore, who exceed their privilege in this respect, are necessarily called upon to augment their subscriptions, in order to cover the additional expense.

Having exceeded your privilege, I am directed by the Committee to apprize you of that circumstance; and to send the Collector to you, for such further Sum as you may please to advance, in aid of the funds of this Society.

I am, &c. &c.

69, *Great Russell Street,* W. BLAIR,
Bloomsbury Square. *Surgeon.*

§ VIII. SERMON AND FESTIVAL.

1. A sermon shall be preached for the benefit of this charity once in every year, or oftener, as the committee shall direct: the preacher to be also approved by the committee.

2. An anniversary festival shall be held on or about the 15th of May, to celebrate the institution of the New Rupture Society, when all the governors and members shall be invited by a circular letter to dine together, and be requested to bring their respective friends.

3. At this festival an annual report of the state of the finances of this charity, and of the number of patients admitted during the preceding year, shall be publicly read from the chair.

4. The anniversary festival shall be managed by the stewards for the time being, who voluntarily serve that office at their own private expense.

§ IX. LEGACIES.

To those humane persons who are inclined to become Benefactors by Will the following Form of Bequest is recommended:

Item—I give and bequeath unto A. B. and C. D. the sum of £ to be raised and paid out of my personal estate and effects, (or such part thereof as shall not consist of chattels real,) and which I am enabled, either at law or in equity, to charge with the payment thereof, upon trust; and to the intent, that they, or either of them, do pay the same to the treasurers, or one of them, (for the time being,) of a charitable institution, called

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